

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting – December 10, 2018

Present: John Alves, Willit Mason, Dave Norton, Richard Wallace, Priscilla Dunn, Susan Waddington, Jim Troiano

Absent: Jim Tusino, Dave Sullivan

The meeting was called to order by Chair, John Alves at 7:30 in the Town Hall kitchen.

Minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting were approved as written – a copy of Stuart Saginor's letter concerning the use of CPA funds for constructing a playground on Town Hall land is included in the official copy of these minutes. This is permissible if the playground is to be a permanent fixture. (Note: the scheduled November 19, 2018 meeting was canceled because of the lack of a quorum)

New application: The Land Trust has submitted a preliminary application for an Open Space project at 523 Read St. property owned by the Butler Children's Trust. The land totals 51 acres and at this point there are many questions to be resolved – beginning with a survey of the property to determine suitability for such a project and to determine what shape the property is in. If the application is successful and the property is purchased by the Town, the Conservation Commission would probably make the final determination of the best use (active recreation, passive recreation). The Butler family would retain the house, barn and a few surrounding acres to sell. There is potential that 3 houses could be built on the frontage that Butler wishes to retain. Steve had obtained 4 quotes for the cost of an appraisal. The Committee voted to hire Avery Associates, the low bidder. Needed refinements can be addressed at our next meeting.

Committee member comments:

There was a brief discussion of Old Town Hall. If the Tribe cannot meet its obligations, the \$100,000 provided by CPA should be returned to our CPA fund

Dave Norton reported that with only 4 members the Historic Commission is having difficulty moving forward. His TV show has featured episodes on John and Elizabeth Howland.

John mentioned the death of Bob Del Rosso – longtime Seekonk resident who served in many official capacities during his life.

Next meeting: February 11 at 7:30 – Room to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Waddington, Clerk

